

Company to send resumes across the country

By Christine Diesbourg

After spending \$3,000 or more for your college education it would be a shame to be jobless. John Preiditsch, a third-year business student, is campus manager at Conestoga College for a new company called Job Match Systems Inc. that aids students in spreading resumes to prospective employers.

For \$20, your personal resume data form is made available to 300 businesses across Ontario. Plans to make the services available across Canada next year are in effect.

The company was started by

Phil Casselli, chemical engineer in sales, and was designed to fill the gap of student placement services.

Businesses involved with Job Match pay a minimum membership fee (or search fee) which gives them access to a data base containing a wealth of students who have schooling in anything from engineering to dental hygiene.

Students wishing to use the service fill out a personal resume data input form containing standardized input on their course study and areas of interest. Within a week the resume is in the computer and avail-

able.

Preiditsch said the computers are set up to search certain words. As part of his job as campus manager, Preiditsch obtained a list of all the courses offered at Conestoga College where jobs could be made available.

When your name is searched by a company, your personal input form is printed and photocopied at the office headquarters in Mississauga, Ont. and sent to the prospective employer at which time it is the employer's decision to ask for an interview.

Preiditsch recommended that,

for the same fee, a more personal resume can be attached to your input form that is more expressive of yourself.

Because Job Search is Ontario-wide, the data input form contains a space for preferred area of employment and whether you desire full- or part-time work.

The resume remains in the system for one year and can be altered any time during that year. You are not obligated to renew fees after that year.

Preiditsch said the response to the business has been good in

all the universities and colleges in Ontario and expects the same response at Conestoga.

He is in the process of hiring students as sales representatives for Job Match to sell the system to students in the college and surrounding area. Sales representatives work on commission and must be socialable, well-known and well-respected in their courses.

"We are looking to hold an information day at the school to allow students to learn more about the system and sign-up for a membership," Preiditsch said.

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Lurking or working?

An Okon employee is silhouetted against the late-afternoon sky Jan. 18 as he installs heating pipes at the woodworking centre.

Grads achieve 95.9% placement

Conestoga College graduates of full-time diploma and semestered programs achieved 95.9-per-cent placement during the academic year of 1986 to 1987, Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. The audited figures were compiled by the college's placement services office.

Of 1,154 graduates, 1,013 obtained employment. Nine hundred and 19 were employed in areas that were related directly to their college program. Included in the study were 36 programs from four campuses.

Placement figures for specific academic divisions are: applied arts, 96.8 per cent; business, 93.7 per cent; health sciences, 100 per cent, and technology, 95.3 per cent.

When broken down according to campuses, the figures are: Doon, 94.8 per cent; Waterloo, 96.1 per cent; Guelph, 98.4 per cent, and Stratford, 100 per cent.

All Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology must conduct this yearly graduate placement report (survey) to be submitted to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Gilberds peeved by parking problems Jan. 13

By Max Lombardi

Dozens of illegally parked vehicles were moved around a Doon campus parking lot Jan. 13 after security received complaints about the vehicles.

Bob Gilberds, Doon security supervisor, said about 40 vehicles in lot 1, near the recreation centre, were moved into empty spaces. The complaints were from students who could not get

their vehicles out of the lot. Their cars were jammed between others.

Security guards did not issue parking tickets because so many cars were parked illegally and due to bitter weather, Gilberds said. Temperatures sank that day to below -15 C.

"We'd probably get frostbite and writer's cramp," he said.

Drivers will, however, be bitten by an eventual increase in parking fees, Gilberds said. The towing company is paid through the campus's parking fund.

Simple common sense could have prevented the confusion, said Gilberds. Snow had been cleared from the lot that week, making most parking lines visible.

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Photo by Max Lombardi/Spoke

Wayne Cummings and his partner discuss their task.

Correction

In the story called 'CASH-CARD is coming to Conestoga', it was incorrectly stated that the cards would be used "with DSA photocopyers."

All college copiers, includ-

ing those of the DSA, will be equipped to handle the card.

In addition, there will be a 10-per-cent discount when the card is used in conjunction with the copiers.

Spoke regrets the error.

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**OPINION****Viewpoint****By Andrew Bruce****Simply shocking**

When considering the meaning of culture shock, some people envision an African tribe, still locked in pre-history, suddenly exposed to our "enlightened" society. When this occurs the people of this tribe can become overwhelmed, confused, and, quite possibly, insane.

But culture shock is actually present within our modern world. Sociologists have chronicled several case studies of people who were affected emotionally by our ever-advancing society. There have been only a few such cases, but if you were to stop and consider the extent of our scientific progress, and the rate of that progress, you might catch a glimpse of what that African tribe felt.

Consider what science has achieved in genetic engineering. An exact replica of a frog can be created using one cell from the original. And knowing that scientists are looking into the possibility of duplicating humans doesn't help.

But the most frightening aspect of our knowledge is that mankind can take the building blocks of the universe, the tiny atom, and create hell on earth: the nuclear explosion.

For all our advancement and growth, we are still human. Our knowledge is increasing faster than our intelligence. We have nuclear technology, but despite all our efforts, the possibility that we will destroy ourselves over some squabble in the Middle East is all too real.

We are advancing too fast. The ramifications of our developments are beyond our limited foresight. Would it be so bad if we decided to slow down a bit, and learn how to live with what we have?

Have your say

The editorial staff at Spoke invites comments from readers in the form of signed letters, free of libel and personal attack. Letters should bear names and program or department with which the writer is connected so their authenticity may be verified.

We reserve the right to edit all letters to meet space requirements. Submissions should be 250 words or less, and may be brought to the Spoke office (Room 4B13) or sent by mail to: Spoke, c/o Conestoga College, 299 Doon Valley Dr., Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4M4.

You tell us:**What do you think your chances are of getting a job upon graduation?**

"I hope to get a good job but you still have to look for one that is suitable for your schooling."

Hoa Hoang - 2nd year office systems administration, Waterloo campus



"I think my chances are 100 per cent because I'm charming and humorous."

Craig Marton - 1st year general business, Waterloo campus

"I really don't know because I have a language problem (with English)."

John Pereira - 1st year food and beverage management, Waterloo campus



"On a scale of one to 10 I think I'm a 10. The hospitality industry is growing and lots of jobs are out there. I already have my foot in the door - people have to eat."

Isabel Fernandes - 1st year executive secretary program, Waterloo campus



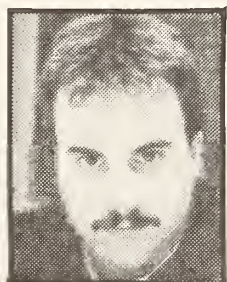
"I think my chances are pretty good. I plan on making \$150,000 a year."

Lydia Paolillo - 1st year food and beverage management, Waterloo campus



"I don't have any prospects yet the competition is too good and I don't have much to go on. I figure it'll be 6 months after graduating till I get a job."

Kevin Prack - 1st year general business, Waterloo campus

It's time to give us slobs a fair shake**By Tony Reinhart**

Slobs are getting the short end of the stick.

It's perfectly understandable. Most of us have been conditioned to believe that people who wear expensive clothing and never have a hair out of place are

'successful' or 'intelligent.' Conversely, those who wear jeans and cheap shirts are 'dumb' or 'rebellious.' The way someone looks tells us what kind of person they are, right?

Wrong.

Our perceptions, if anything, are backwards. If you think about it long enough, you will reach the same conclusion I did.

Slobs rule the world.

Without slobs, day-to-day life as we know it would cease to exist. Yet people continue to believe that slobs are a nuisance; an undesirable part of their lives that they want to get rid of. These people couldn't be more mistaken.

To many, a person's profession determines whether or not he or she is a slob. Farmers, construction workers, mechanics, factory workers and tradesmen

(plumbers, electricians and so forth) have always been considered slobs. But what would life be like without them?

Without farmers, people wouldn't eat (real food, anyway). Without construction workers, there would be no homes, schools, industries, roads and businesses. If you have a car, imagine life without a mechanic. I dare you to call a mechanic a slob when your BMW is up on the hoist for emergency repairs when you're already late for your polo match.

Factory workers are constantly demeaned and belittled by those who have chosen a different way of life. If you feel that factory workers are not an integral part of your life, think again. The people who sew those little horses and alligators onto your shirts aren't rich like you. They're factory slobs who don't make very much money, and certainly can't afford to buy what they manufacture.

I know this might make some of you cry, but have you ever seen a picture of preppie-idol Ralph Lauren? He's a slob! And to add insult to injury, his real name is Ralph Lifschitz. And Ralph, if you're out there, I'm sorry if I've alienated some of your loyal customers, but I felt they had a right to know.

One way to shed your slob prejudice is to become one yourself, at least for a short time. Sure, you may have to dress up once in a while, but a true slob remains a slob at heart, no matter what he wears.

If you feel disillusioned, don't kill yourself yet. It's normal, at first, to be uncomfortable with the fact that slobs rule the world. There's still time enough for you to accept the fact that slobs not only exist, but are necessary to keep the delicate infrastructure of society from crashing down.

I should know. I am a slob.

Blood donor clinic nets less than half of goal

By Jamie Reaume

Only half of the desired number of donors attended the blood clinic which was held by the

Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS).

The tri-monthly stopover Jan. 18 brought four vehicles to the Doon campus carrying an as-

sortment of instruments and personnel. For the simple admission price of 450 mL (just short of a pint) of blood, people were able to enjoy the sights of the student lounge while lying prone.

The BTS unit, headed by nurse Diane Smith, was from the Hamilton Centre, one of 17 such centres across Canada. They are on the road for four days a week and remain one day in Hamilton. The BTS unit travels from Fort Erie to Arthur and from Simcoe to Milton.

The goal for this session was 250 units of blood of which 60 units were hoped to contain platelets, a clotting factor in blood used in aiding cancer and hemophiliac patients.

When the blood had stopped flowing, 118 units had been donated. The last blood clinic held at Doon attracted 119 donors, so the status quo was maintained almost to the unit.

Even if the quota for platelets wasn't reached, all of the blood donated goes to worthy causes, Smith said.

"We'll take anything," agreed Scott Monani, a six-year veteran of the blood wars, "because an A or O type donor assists three people while an AB and B goes to two types."

"And the blood is always needed. For heart surgery to be conducted, at least eight to 12 units of blood must be on hand and available before surgery.



Photo by Jamie Reaume/Spoke

Tina McCarthy (left) and fellow classmate Tammy Lyn Stadelbauer (right), both first-year ECE students offer proof that there is life after your blood's been drained away. Both are taking a 10 minute breather before resuming normal activities.

Accidents take much more."

While there is no critical shortage at this time, said Smith, the need is always there.

"We have five of the 17 centres in Ontario alone and at times it just doesn't seem to be enough."

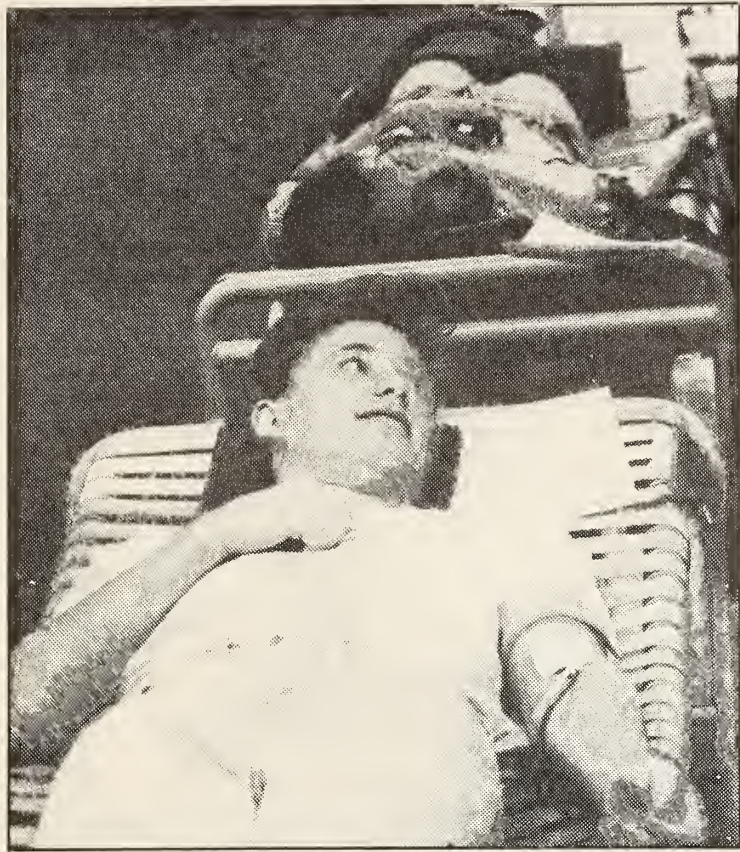


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Neil Hewitt, 19, and Dirk Burfurst, 20, both first-year electronic technologists, practice the art of giving blood through a tube rather than a nose.

BRT teacher returns after heart attack

By Annette Antle

Jim St. Marie, an instructor in the broadcasting - radio and television (BRT) program, is back to his "old self, chipper, and telling the same old jokes," reported Kim Walters, production assistant to St. Marie.

St. Marie suffered a heart attack Nov. 14 and required several weeks convalescence before returning to work just prior to Christmas.

During a visit from Walters and a co-worker Nov. 26, St. Marie said, "The kind of

heart attack I had was a blood clot in the muscle of the heart. If it stays there long enough, a part of the heart muscle is destroyed."

"I guess you can only have so many of those and your heart dies," St. Marie added.

Walters said the students are glad to have him back.

"They're all coming up to ask how he is and I just tell them he's still the same old Jim."

"There's not that big empty space in the office anymore. It's filled...we're all glad to have him back."

CXLR appoints music directors

By Annette Antle

An announcement introducing two newly-appointed music directors at the Doon campus of Conestoga College was recently posted.

Michelle Ringle and Lorraine Lord, both second-year students in the broadcasting - radio and television program, have replaced John MacIntosh as music directors in the campus record library, room 3B08.

Ringle and Lord are in the process of categorizing, listing and entering all single records in the library on their recently-acquired computerized system.

Once completed, any record can be called up from a print-out list at a moment's notice.

"This will save us a lot of time and errors in planning our daily programs," Ringle said.

"Requests from the student body are welcome," Ringle added, "but not a whole barrage of them."

"I can see one problem with (requests) - students wanting the song they have requested played right away and that won't always be possible."

The campus radio station, CXLR/AM has a six-hour-per-day program playing top-40 songs. This program is fed to the

cafeteria for student and staff enjoyment. A separate FM program is played in the student lounge.

The library contains hit songs back to 1982, as well as some classics such as Beatles hits.

Ringle had expressed an interest in filling the position last year and when it came up again at the beginning of the new semester, she went to Larry MacIntyre, a radio instructor of the program, and told him that she wanted it.

MacIntyre responded to Ringle's request for the position with "...give me some time to see if any one else wants it."

"Nobody else wanted it," Ringle said, "so I got it."

"Our computerized system still had a lot of bugs in it in the last semester. We finally got the bugs worked out and now we're just trying to get it working and hopefully playing every hour of the day."

Ringle and Lord are working on the system at present to see if they cannot find a way of omitting the repetitive nature of past programs.

The program format will not be changed, Ringle said. "We think we've got a good thing going, and we don't want to change it."

The top-40 format includes sending for a chart list of the top hits from different record companies. From those lists, Ringle and Lord decide what the top 15 hits on campus are, based on their popularity among the student body.

A list of the top 15 hits will be made available for each edition of Spoke.

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"You tell me, where is the logic?" he asked. "You'd think (the drivers would) get out of the wierd world this week."

As Gilberts drove across the lot, he focused on several cars that were parked improperly.

"There's a doink there," he pointed. "Isn't this stupid?"

Gilberts recalled an incident when a car driven by a student was illegally parked in a space for the disabled. Ironically, the driver of the vehicle was a nursing student.



Bob Gilberts, Doon campus security supervisor, can't understand the parking habits of some drivers at the college

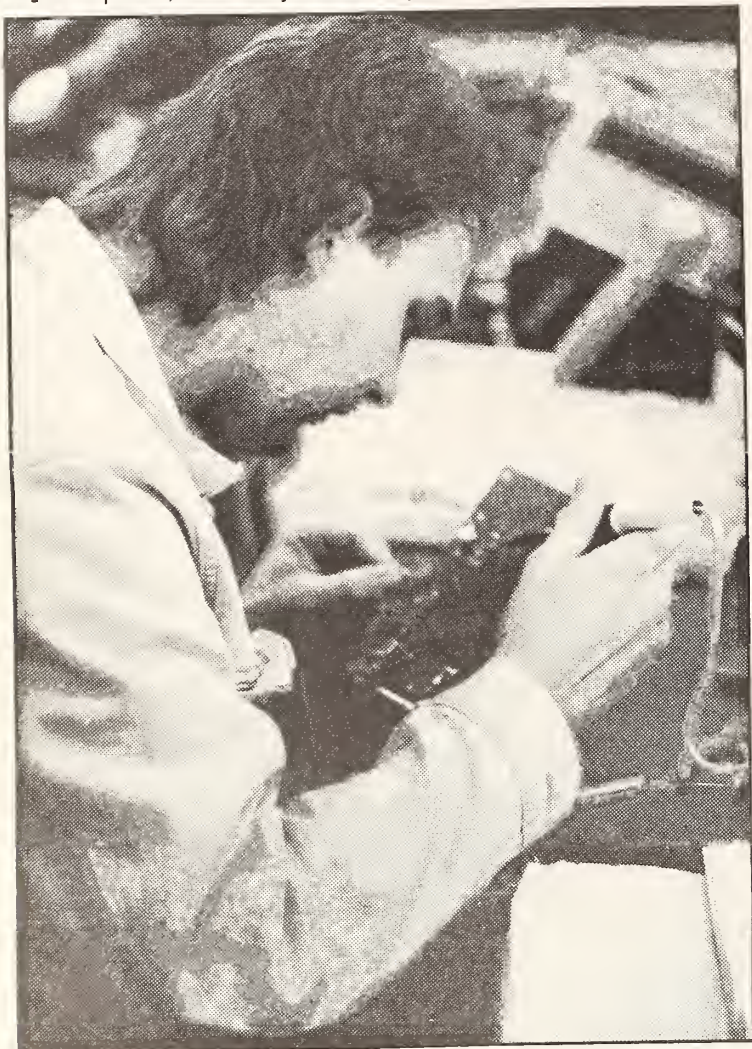


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Concentration

Glen Abbot, third-year telecommunications student, works on a prototype of a subsystem for a high-frequency receiver module, whatever that is!

WSA rock bop flops

By Christine Diesbourg

Rock 'til you drop. Well, that was the intention.

Although the music was blaring and the beer was flowing, the crowd at the Waterloo campus's Rock-n-Roll pub Wednesday, Jan. 13, barely stirred.

Gary Bakker, president of the Waterloo Student Association, said the turnout at the pub was not nearly as good as he expected. About 50 people showed.

Bakker said it was hard to believe so few turned out. He

did not know why the turnout was so low.

The people who did attend were entertained by a disc jockey who played everything from Led Zeppelin to the theme from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Those in attendance seemed a little hesitant at the beginning of the night but found the evening fun anyway.

Bakker hopes the next pub will attract more people because it is an off-campus '50's and '60's night.

By John McCurdy

In the past, a hidden disability such as a learning problem meant being denied a decent education. Now, having a handicap means being independent with the support of society, such as the college population.

Examples of hidden disabilities range from learning problems, such as dyslexia or slight mental retardation, to epilepsy, visual and hearing impairments, to emotional instability.

"In the classroom we (the staff) want to make the handicapped person feel he can be creative and confident working in class and talking to other students and faculty," said Barb Kraler, a counsellor at Doon campus.

The college provides many programs to assist students in learning. The traditional buddy system or note-takers for those who have trouble taking notes in class still works. If a student writes notes with carbon paper or gets notes copied, special needs students don't have to worry about copying and can concentrate on studying, said Rick Casey, director of student services.

In the learning resource centre the photocopier enlarges notes and the test centre is available for those who need more time writing tests. Print impaired people, those who are partially blind or have a low reading level can have portions of books or tests taped.

Peer tutoring has been lengthened to 20 hours a week for learning impaired students. A volunteer reading service exists to further assist anyone with a reading problem.

College remedial classes are inadequate for some special needs students. The college is dealing with people who have four or five years of remedial training and want to attend college, Casey said.

The college system as a whole

is improving, but "we still have a long way to go," he said.

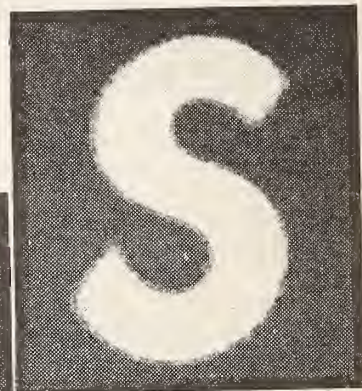
A budget that specifically deals with special needs students does not exist presently. The college can't afford it right now because of all the construction going on at Doon campus, for instance, the new woodworking building, he said.

All special needs students receive preadministration counselling, which is designed to determine what the College can offer them in the way of training and physical requirements to help students function properly. For example, if a student is blind, a guide dog could be allowed in the school.

In the school there are safety areas, each designated by a green sign with an S on it. These areas are used only during an evacuation emergency such as a fire. Special needs students who can not leave the building by themselves would be taken to these zones and taken to safer areas where they couldn't be injured.

"All safety precautions are important when you want to insure the lives of the many bodies that are here at the school," said Mac Rostance, manager of physical resources at Doon campus.

Right: This sign indicates a safety zone
Below: Jo-Anne Lenz checks a medical kit



Photos by John McCurdy/Spoke

Quebec Winter Carnival, Animal House toga party, penguin plunge among coming DSA events

By Jamie Reaume

Bonjour, Bienvenue le carnaval de hiver, Conestoga style.

This year, the Doon Student Association (DSA) is 'Head'n South' for the annual Winter Carnival which begins Feb. 1 and concludes for most people Feb. 4.

The crucial word is most because a group of hardy adventurers, with Steve Blenkhorn, entertainment manager for the DSA and chief chaperone/babysitter, are heading to the original Quebec City Winter Carnival.

They are leaving Thursday at 11:30 p.m. and are not expected back until late Sunday night or early Monday morning.

There are still a few seats available if you are interested.

For those with no desire to experience the real thing, a pleasant alternative is being offered at the Doon campus.

The week-long stellar events feature the Name-the-Mascot contest and the Baby-picture

contest.

God only knows where Sandy Nay, activities co-ordinator for the DSA, found this poor man's Opus but what you have to do, is name the penguin that appears on all Winter Carnival logos.

For the baby picture contest, the DSA executive graciously donated pictures of themselves. All you have to do is guess who is who.

It's a good chance to finally meet and know your executive before their term of office is done.

An ability to suck wind and crumbs is all that's needed for the cracker and whistle contest in the cafeteria on Wednesday while video freaks will be overjoyed to know that an all day video tournament will be held in the student lounge with a brand new, never-played genuine machine from Kitchener Coin. Highest score wins this one.

For those who want to strain more than their heads, athletic



Sandy Nay

events are held every day of the carnival.

Monday features a street hockey tournament in the recreation complex from 4 p.m. to 7

p.m. Tuesday and possibly Thursday features individual mettle and raw talent being tested in a hockey showdown. Tuesday start time is 4 p.m. at the recreation complex with a showdown final Thursday at 4 p.m. if necessary.

The ball diamonds are where it's at if a sno-pitch ball tournament is what you're into. The tournament will start at 3 p.m. and finish a couple of hours later.

The last major, physical event takes place at noon on Thursday.

Yes to the first 36 brave but oxygen-starved individuals, the Penguin Polar Plunge in the pond will add another dimension to life at Conestoga.

Two nightly extravaganzas on Wednesday and Thursday will close the week.

Wednesday night is 'The Dinner Show' featuring Casev

Bones, a hypnotist. With a 3:30 p.m. start, a \$4 cost for a lasagna dinner, and a free beer (to the first 120 people), it can't be beat.

Except perhaps by Thursday night's Toga party.

'Animal House' rides once more at a local college near you. For \$3 advance or \$5 at the door, you get to bring your own togas which are mandatory.

A special attraction this year is the "win a color t.v." contest.

This is open to all people who participate in any of the events of the Winter Carnival except the name the Mascot and Baby Picture contests.

Each time you participate, you receive a ballot and another chance at the t.v. So enter as often as you want.

The contest rules and sign up sheets will be made available by Sandy Nay. DSA executives are excluded from the color t.v. contest.



Advice from Sam Slander

Dear SAM,

In the third-year civil technology room we relax during spares by playing "cricket" which involves the use of a dart board.

It has come to our attention that the higher intelligences of the Registrar's Office have deemed this practice to be dangerous to the school population.

An ultimatum has been handed down to the effect that the 'entire' class will be suspended if the dart board is used again, even though there has not been even one documented case of an injury resulting from the said deadly apparatus in the 1 1/2 years it has been in use.

Should we flirt with a class suspension, and possible death, or should we be good, law-abiding Canadians and lay our death machine to rest?

signed, Comokosy
Engineers.

Dear Como,

While it is not usually in my realm of experience to comment on college rules, in this case I will make an exception.

I would like to say that obeying them will make you all good and law-abiding citizens but it won't.

You obviously have a death

College's 20th birthday goes by quietly

By Annette Antle

Jan. 8, 1988, marked 20 years of growth and development for Doon campus. Conestoga's first enrolment and first classes were held on that date in 1968.

The first class enrolment involved three areas of study and 186 students in applied arts, business and commerce, and technology.

Silently the 20th anniversary of Doon campus passed unmarked and seemingly unnoticed by students, faculty, and staff.

On Jan. 8, 1968, 186 students met in the core building and 20 portable classrooms. Since then, five satellite campuses have been developed: Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford, Waterloo, and Clinton.

According to the history of Doon campus, the community college concept was initiated when it appeared that a university degree was most likely unattainable to the average student who wished to develop a career.

So it was in 1965 that 137 acres of farmland, once owned by the well-known Oberholtzer family of Kitchener, was made available for the construction of the Doon campus.

Since that date students of Conestoga College have entered many walks of life from east to west, north to south. Yet today there's a kind of hush over the campus. Where did the 20th anniversary go?

wish or you wouldn't be writing me. So either give it up or do something that will tick the administration off like sacrificing one of your colleagues all in the name of "cricket."

By the way, you twits. Comokosy is spelled Kamikaze. Maybe a dart in the head is what you do need.

Dear SAM,

Can you get any venereal diseases by French kissing?

signed, Tongue-in-cheek

Dear Tongue,

Who do I look like, Ann Landers?

Do I remind you of Dr. Spock or, for that matter, Mr. Spock?

My only advice to you is to keep your tongue where it is and

you'll never find out.

Dear SAM,

Is it true that T.V. evangelists can save your soul and still earn more than a million dollars a year?

signed, Born-again poor

Dear Born,

Well... where do I start?

I could look at the Jimmy and Tammy Show, America's version of a religious soap opera. The plot was a basic one, an AC/DC not only got plugged but was shorted out by the press and his wife smeared her \$300 make-up job all over the guy who revealed the story. He never recovered.

When the smoke and bed sheets had cleared, the PTL (Praise the Lord, Pay the Lady, Pass the Lettuce, etc.) found itself with one of the world's richest prostitutes who was contracted for a mere \$250,000 a night.

Before that, it was the Oral Roberts death watch. In a bid to extort over \$8.5 million from America's populace to fund his college, Roberts went on a hunger strike inside the T.V. tower at his said college. God was

a'comin' to get Oral if the people didn't pay up by a certain date (which thankfully eludes my tired mind right now). The T.V. tower was struck by lightning while Oral was thanking everyone for sending money and pleading for others to donate.

Do you think someone was trying to tell us something?

Some individual (for lack of a better word), anted up a bundle when contributions came close to the target but not close enough for the now rich Oral. The individual gave the money with the hope that it would be used to put Oral into some psychiatric ward.

Which now brings us to the current resident of the millionaires sweepstakes, Pat Robert-

son, would-be presidential candidate for the Republican party.

Does this mean God is a Republican and if so, was His hand in the pot when the Democrats chose an ass as a symbol for their party?

I have to seriously question someone religious entering the highest position in the land (which is currently not the case but it is supposed to be). Where would the separation of church and state be if they are lying in the same bed at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.?

I could continue but why? If these three classic cases aren't enough to show you the way to light then you deserve what you get.

And so do I. Amen.

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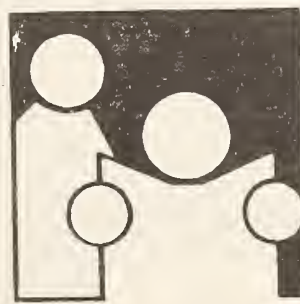
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ENTERTAINMENT

Empire of the Sun rich with human drama

By Andrew Bruce

Steven Spielberg's latest film, *Empire of the Sun*, is for movie buffs who appreciate human drama.

Empire of the Sun is an anti-war film with a different twist. The evil of war is seen through the eyes of an 11-year-old boy, Jim Graham, convincingly played by newcomer Christian Bale.

Jim is the sheltered son of English aristocrats (Rupert Frazer and Emily Richard) in the British sector of Shanghai, China, in 1941. Realizing that Japan is on the verge of invading Eastern China, including Shanghai, Jim's parents prepare to leave. But before they can depart, the invasion begins and the Grahams become caught in the turmoil that befalls the city as Japanese troops march in.

Jim loses his parents when they are pulled apart by a frenzied crowd fleeing the advancing Japanese, and for a while Jim is overlooked by the Japanese. He wanders the deserted British sector bewildered, not understanding what has disrupted his previously sane world.

Eventually, Jim's thoughts turn to food and, finding little



An 11-year-old Jim Graham (Christian Bale, centre) tentatively makes his way through the streets of Shanghai in search of his parents.

near his home — the Japanese had already thoroughly pillaged the sector — he rides his bicycle into the centre of Shanghai. Jim has little luck finding food there, but he is finally saved from certain starvation

by two American merchant seamen (John Malkovich and Joe Pantoliano) who barely fight off hunger themselves by selling scrap metal and stealing.

Malkovich plays the perfect loner and survivor as Basie,

who serves as an example of survival for Jim.

Inevitably, the three are captured by the Japanese and taken to Soochow Creek, a prison camp outside of Shanghai, for the duration of the war.

Empire of the Sun is based on the highly-successful novel by British writer J.G. Ballard, who was interned with his parents in a Japanese prison camp from 1942 to 1945. Many of Jim's experiences stem from Ballard's own.

And Spielberg, producer and director of the film, has done a remarkable job bringing the book to the screen — a rarity.

He has brought the harrowing images and brilliance of Ballard's writing to the screen with remarkable realism. A prime example is the mob scene when the Grahams are separated. Excellent acting, cinematography and directing combine to bring the moment to life. The fear the Grahams and the crowd experience radiates off the screen. Spielberg works this magic throughout the movie, scene after scene.

The most moving aspect of the film lies in the emotional trauma Jim suffers as he is caught between boyhood and manhood. Jim fights to hang onto his youth, but the grim realities of war tug at him, forcing him to grow up too fast and before his time. The result — the whole point of the film — is very interesting, indeed.

Flashback to the '60s

Here are two record reviews that appeared in Spoke Nov. 11, 1969

By Keith Perrott

The Band

Music From Big Pink, written and recorded by a group known as The Band, brought a unique country touch to pop music. Listening to it time and time again, you could almost feel the songs surround you, until they

become part of your life. The album topped the charts for many months. Now a release, entitled merely *The Band*, has arrived, and once again they have produced a remarkable album.

Contained on this record are 12 new songs by The Band member Jamie Robbie Robertson (with Richard Manuel and Levon Helm lending assistance on four tracks). Like their first

album, it would be impossible to choose the best songs so quickly, as they seem to constantly change. Their music comes on slowly, taking on new meanings and ideas each time you listen to it. You must live with it awhile to fully appreciate its beauty.

Perhaps *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down* and *Up on Cripple Creek* stand out at first, as they have a more

distinctive outgoing tune. The chorus of the latter rejoices:

"Up on Cripple Creek, she sends me,
If I spring a leak, she mends me,
I don't have to speak, she defends me,
A drunkard's dream if I ever did see one."

This reckless, free-wheeling attitude prevails throughout many of the songs. They are not, however, to be disposed of lightly. *King Harvest (Has Surely Come)*, *Across The Great Divide*, *When You Awake*, etc., all seem to grow in your mind, never reaching their full potential.

The Band has a story to tell, and whether they tell it through *Rag Mama Rag* or *Look Out Cleveland*, the point is clearly made and understood. Above all, it's a pleasure to listen to, whether for the first or one hundredth time.

Janis Joplin

Janis Joplin had a near-classic blues album with her first release, *Cheap Thrills*. What held her back was the music (by

Big Brother and the Holding Company), probably the worst ever recorded by a group. Now, backed by professional musicians (she ditched Big Brother) Janis Joplin comes on strong with the album *I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!* Who but Janis could write such a title, plus a song to go with it?

Janis doesn't sing a song; she screams and cries it. What you hear are not words so much as feelings. She withholds nothing. When she confesses her need for many different men in *One Good Man* (deserves another) you can be sure it's her own feeling coming across. Not only does she sing it with a frenzied urgency, she wrote it herself. When she cries over and over "Maybe," with a voice that always seems on the verge of cracking forever, she is giving everything.

Try and To Love Somebody both receive the total Joplin effect, but it is *Work Me Lord* that brings out her true feelings of importance. Janis feels her reason for being is to perform in the exact way she has been doing for the past few years. As the eight songs on this album indicate, she may be absolutely correct.

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Syre to play at Nic's

The hard-rock band Syre will be on stage for a one-night show Jan. 28 at Nicholson's Tavern in Blair.

Coral Andrews, Syre's publicity agent, said the band "is a little bizarre, but they put on a

good show. They challenge the audience."

Syre has played in Toronto, selling out such large venues as The Gasworks and Heaven, Andrews said. Nicholson's will require a \$2 cover charge during Syre's performance.

SPORTS

Varsity Roundup

Conestoga bounces the Algonquin Caats

By Victor Mirabelli

The men's varsity basketball team started their seven-game home stand on a winning note as they soundly defeated Algonquin College 70-54 Jan. 15 at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

The Condors, who will play five consecutive home games before playing in a tournament Feb. 5 in Brockville, won their first game at home. They lost their other two home games to St. Clair College (Oct.31) and to Seneca (Dec. 10).

Conestoga, after spending much of the first half of the season behind at halftime, led at the half by 19 points, 42-23.

The team, however, had to play strong in the second half to seal the victory, as they were outscored 31-28 by the Algonquin Caats.

Ed Janssen led the Condors in scoring with 16 points, while

Gary Munkhorst and John Peck scored 13 and 12 points respectively.

Mike Oughtred, head coach of Conestoga, was all smiles after the game, as his troops probably played one of their best games of the year.

"Algonquin is one of the weaker teams in the league but we still needed this victory because we've been really flat the last few games."

Oughtred also enjoys the fact that Conestoga doesn't play another road game until March.

"It's nice to play here for a while. I think being on the road for the majority of the first half of the season tired the guys out a bit."

Algonquin could have won the game by a close score had it not been for their scoring lapse in the first half. Their lack of scoring resulted in the team being carried by one player for each half.

Christie Wilkinson, who

scored the most points in the game for the Caats with 14, carried the team during the first half, while Collin Weeks, who scored 12 points, carried his team for the second half.

Three new players, Sean Gardner, Trevor Lumb and Steve McIlwain, joined the Condors before the start of the game, as the team lost some players in December. The three men made the team after Conestoga held some try-outs last week to fill the holes in the lineup.

Regardless of the Conestoga win at home, coach Oughtred thinks the team shouldn't treat the homestand as a needed rest.

"The home games are going to be tough, but the team feels more comfortable here, especially since this was our first win here. We're at the point right now where a couple of home wins will put us right in the thick of things."

Tough is right. Conestoga in the league during their plays three of the top five teams homestand.

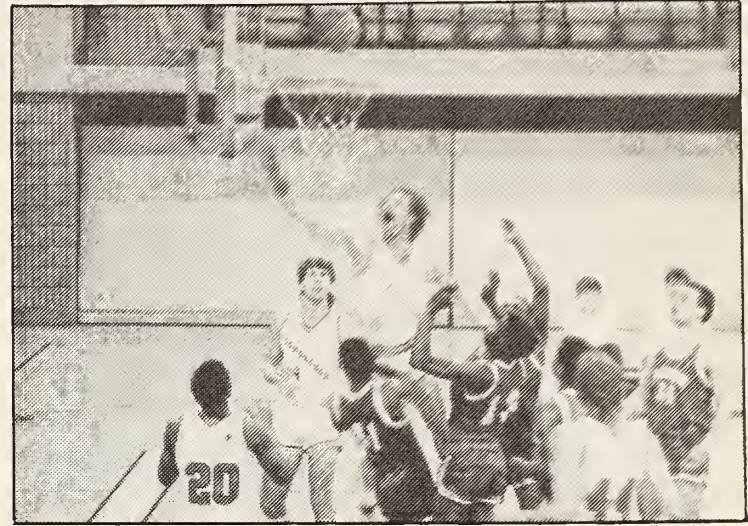


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Conestoga's John peck drives for the net during their home win over Algonquin College. Coach Mike Oughtred, hopes the Condor's win will spark some new life into the team.

Digest

Hockey

The men's varsity hockey team opened the second half of their ICHL season with less than a convincing effort, as they were hammered 13-2 by Niagara College Jan. 16 in Welland.

Niagara held the Condors throughout the game, leading 3-1 after the first period and 7-1

after the second.

Bob Rintche was the lone scorer for Conestoga, scoring both goals.

The Condors seek to redeem themselves this week when they play host to Erie Community College Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. and Penn State Jan. 23 at 1 p.m.

Sports Editorial

By Jim Ovington

The combatants for Super Bowl XXII will be the Washington Redskins and the Denver Broncos. The odds haven't been released yet but the Broncos are heavily favored.

The Broncos have a much better offense, mainly because of quarterback John Elway and his scrambling and throwing abilities. They have a strong core of wide receivers, although Vance Johnson was injured, but the return of Steve Watson should fill that gap. Steve Winder as running back gives Denver a balanced attack. With all these weapons, Denver should cause havoc with Washington's defense.

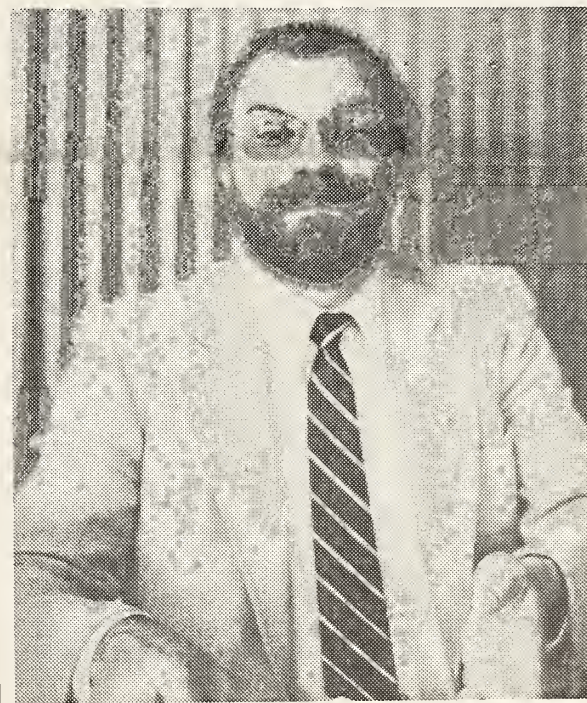
In all fairness to Washington's defense, the valiant efforts of Darrell Green at cornerback to play through an injury could prove to inspire the defense to play excellent ball.

Although Washington isn't as good offensively as Denver, they still have a potent offense of their own with strong, bull-like Steve Rogers at running back and an excellent trio of wide receivers and tight ends. The tight ends could play an important part for Washington because of their 'strong-play' offense which involves three tight ends and is designed for running plays.

This kind of play could be important because Denver has a good defense but small in height and weight. These players weigh an average of 257 pounds. The only reason they haven't been burned yet is because of their speed and philosophy of confusion created by movement.

I expect a high scoring game with both Elway and Doug Williams firing aerial shots to move the ball. Washington will likely try to exploit Denver's small line as other teams have but Washington has a running attack similar to Cleveland who have come closest to beating Denver in the playoffs.

The score will be 35-32, a three-point difference, with Denver winning on a field goal in the last possession of the game. Trust me.



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Humber College trounces the Condors at home

By Victor Mirabelli

The men's varsity basketball team must have been happy to leave Hamilton Jan. 12, after their humiliating 80-55 loss to Mohawk College.

Mohawk's scoring depth was the key ingredient in the win, as Mike Dunn (11 points), Jim Gaunt (14 points) and Richard Gaunt (14 points) led their team to a home victory.

Conestoga, who came into the game after finishing fourth in

the George Brown Invitational Tournament Jan. 8 and 9, were hoping to start the second half of the season on a winning note by defeating Mohawk on their own turf, since they finished the first half of the season with a respectable road record.

Mohawk, on the other hand, were trying to defeat Conestoga to solidify their hopes of finishing first overall in the standings.

It was a game won by Mohawk by the end of the first

half, as they led 42-24. The 18-point deficit was too much for Conestoga to handle, but they played much better basketball during the second half and were outscored by only seven points, 38-31.

Condors' Gary Munkhorst, last week's varsity male athlete of the week for his performance in the tournament in Toronto, again led the team in scoring with 14 points.

Conestoga had their share of high scorers as Trevor Thomp-

son and John Peck each scored 12 points. Reinhardt Burrow, who had a good first half of the season for the Condors, scored only seven points.

The deep-freeze which Ontario was put into last week took its toll on Conestoga, as both Shane Rooney and Mike Henderson were absent with the flu.

Mike Oughtred, head coach of the Condors, wasn't pleased with the effort.

"It was atrocious. It wasn't the matter of doing things me-

chanically incorrect, but just the fact of not being mentally in the game. We were just simply flat," said the disgruntled Oughtred.

Oughtred said the team was tired after the three-day tournament in Toronto, which was probably the reason why the team was flat.

Condors, after playing the majority of first-half games on the road, won't be playing visitors until March 2, when they visit Centennial College.

Winning streak continues

By Victor Mirabelli

The women's varsity volleyball team ran their record to 6-1, as they defeated Al's Angels three games to one, by scores of 15-10, 18-16, and 15-13, during Cambridge Women's Volleyball League (CWVL) action Jan. 18.

Conestoga, who have won their last three games, used their long volleys into Al's backcourt to score the majority of their points, notably in game three.

All three games were close. In fact, Conestoga was lucky to come out of it alive, as they

nearly lost each game due to comeback attempts by the Angels.

Game one featured a lot of turnovers, as both teams couldn't put together point streaks. Most of the turnovers were due to the teams' inability to serve over the net consistently.

The Condors broke open the scoring when the Angels made inaccurate returns. Most of the Angels' returns were good efforts but they just couldn't put them in bounds.

Sue Coveney did a good job spiking, as she came up with

solid returns just slightly out of the reach of Angel players. With her effort, and had Ford been present, the Condors would have won by much larger margins.

Games two and three were the best for both teams, as the score bounced back and forth constantly.

Game four was a mirror of game two, except this time, Conestoga was victorious instead of the Angels.

Inaccurate serving was the reason why the score was so close. Conestoga, with the score 14-11, had numerous chances to finish off the Angels, but didn't do it until the score was 14-13.

Julie Galbraith, coach of the Condors, felt as if she was going to have an ulcer when she saw her team, on three occasions, wait until the score was so close to finally end the game.



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Conestoga's Sue Coveney, delivers a smashing spike against the Angel's defence during CWVL action Jan. 18.

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